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NO POLITICAL SHOULDER STRAPS.

THE men already in the military service, in the camps, the guards or the regulars cannot themselves protest against the appointment of officers through political favor. But the parents of the boys who put on the uniform can do so and should do so the moment they see the least vestige or inclination to favor candidates for commissioners without subjecting them to the rigorous tests of the training camps. That is the best way of eliminating favoritism and of bringing all men down to the true democracy of manhood. But the greatest of all protests should come from the men who are liable to be drafted into the service and from all who are interested in their welfare. If there is anything of paramount importance to the enlisted man it is to have competent officers. The injustice he suffers in being required to serve under an unfit man is worse than that of the fit man the politician displaces. The private soldier upon whom all our military strength rests deserves the best, care and leading we can give him. But the greatest injustice done by political appointments is to the nation whose success in war is imperiled, whose soldiers are unnecessarily sacrificed, whose vast effort is compromised by honeycombing the army with incompetency. The whole nation, its responsible press, its citizen's organizations, its disinterested leaders and makers of opinion in the pulpit and every walk of life should join in a demand so imperative and unanimous that the political scramble will cease and our military authorities be free to carry out their pledge to officer our army with the best material available. No time should be lost in raising this protest against political shoulder straps.

MOVING EXEMPTION BOARDS.

THE suggestion of the exemption board of Nevada City, California, wherein that body was taken down to Truckee for the purpose of examining the registrants was not such a bad idea after all. Had something like this system been adopted at the beginning there would be fewer complaints of backsliding and fewer slackers finding escape from the clutches of the law. The same system that was applied to the registration would have worked wonders in dispatching the work in such a sparsely populated state as that of Nevada. The equity of asking men dependent on their day's labor to travel long distances at personal expense may be questioned and it is probable that better results would have been obtained had the examining boards been permitted to devise some method of their own to render the examinations less irksome to the registrants. Take Nye county for instance where young men had to come to the county seat from points 300 to 400 miles distant and the injustice of the system becomes apparent to the least interested observer. The hundreds of employes at Truckee arrived at the conclusion that it would be cheaper and more expeditious to assume the expenses of bringing the board to the center of industry than to suspend the business of the busy saw mill district by letting all the eligible young men travel long distances to reach the county seat in Nevada City. The move contains a valuable suggestion that should not be lost on the boards of examiners who should have been given authority by the provost marshal to open other places of examination than at the county seat. For instance it would have been a great saving to our citizens had stations been opened at four points in the county close to the more congested parts where men could come and leave with the least loss of time. The work is about over but the experience will bring about a change of methods should it become necessary to make another draft.

AWAKENING THE YELLOW MAN.

IN this world's war it is horrible to contemplate the possibility of even greater horrors struggling in the womb of time but the reports emanating from China revive the prediction of "Chinese" Gordon, the greatest explorer of the Flowery Kingdom, who declared that the day would come when the 400,000,000 yellow men who have suffered in silence for 4000 years would realize their strength and unite against the white race with results that could only be depicted by the most fervid imagination. China has been a pacifist nation that has never been brought to understand the meaning conveyed by organizing a population that equals all the rest of the civilized world. If at any time these forces should be harnessed to modern weapons of warfare the end would be the extinction of the Caucasian race from domination of the globe. The Mongolian is the most feind race on earth and the rapidity with which the numbers continue to multiply despite ravages of disease, flood and famine calls attention to what may happen as the apotheosis of the present struggle in Europe. The Chinese are not a warlike race but they possess physical strength, endurance and personal of a high order. Under "Chinese" Gordon they fought well and proved their capacity to learn the art of war. China has suffered much at the hands of European powers and her decision to enter the war as one of the allies carries with it the implication that the nation is going to wage war on its own account with a ruthless ferocity born of the semi-savage nature aroused after centuries of suffering and oppression in which almost every nation involved in the present hostilities exacted tribute and stole territory without paying any attention to remonstrances. The Chinese have been taught to despise the soldier as a barbarian and they have vainly asked the outer world to leave them alone in peace. Of all the outrages to which China has been forced to submit the acts of the German military expedition and the exactions of the German government are the hardest to forgive and forget. Orientals have long memories and the new Chinese republic will neither forgive nor forget what Germany did. Whether the Chinese government is acting voluntarily or is yielding to pressure exerted by Japan and her allies the effect of this break with Germany and the assertion of her rights under international law upon the people of China will

be the same. They now see themselves standing with the great peoples to suppress the piracy of the German submarines. If China had the resources and the will she could put more men under arms than are now in the field in Europe. The awakening of such a giant is a momentous event. Until the Japanese won the war against Russia never in modern times have the yellow, brown or of her colored races successfully contended with the whites. How will it be with China?

The tribulations arising from toleration of the Wobblies are beginning to show in an inflamed condition of the popular mind that bodes no good to the irresponsibles who are stirring up public sentiment as it never was aroused before.

Organized labor has a task before it of bringing order out of the chaos engendered by the I. W. W. agitators. Labor men have nothing to gain by anarchy which means leveling down of the trades.

Germany believes in the use of money in infinite quantities, according to the report of Elihu Root in narrating the efforts of the kaiser to seduce the Slavs from their allegiance to the allies.

When these I. W. W. get through with Uncle Sam they will think something has dropped. More likely it will be the drop of the hangman's noose.

Every dog has his day but it is a lucky dog that has his bone these days of retrenchment in household expenses.

BASEBALL GAMES

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
San Francisco	76	58	.567
Salt Lake	67	61	.523
Los Angeles	68	65	.511
Oakland	65	69	.485
Portland	59	68	.468
Vernon	59	73	.445

Yesterday's Games

At	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	12	15	1
Vernon	3	6	1
Batteries—Seaton, Hogg and Boles; Hovlik, Schorr, Donald, Marion and Moore.			

At	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	5	12	0
Portland	8	7	0
Batteries—Arlette and Murray; Penner and Fisher.			

At	R.	H.	E.
Salt Lake	1	3	0
San Francisco	2	5	3
Batteries—Evans, Baum and Hannah; Johnson and Baker.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Games
 PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18.—Philadelphia won a double-header from Pittsburgh, the scores being 3 to 0 and 7 to 3. Jacobs, who was knocked out of the box Thursday, met a similar fate in the first game today, while Bender was in wonderful form and held his opponents to three singles.

(By Associated Press.)
 NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—St. Louis took advantage of New York's loose defense and won the second game of the series, 5 to 2. The New York infielders had an off-day, Herzog and Fletcher each making two errors in the first inning, when St. Louis got away to a three-run lead. Packard pitched clever ball for St. Louis after relieving Meadows with the bases full in the first inning.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Games
 (By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Chicago slipped down to second place in the pennant race when they lost to Philadelphia while Boston won from Cleveland. The score was 9 to 7. The game was nip and tuck for twelve innings. Chicago used five pitchers.

(By Associated Press.)
 CLEVELAND, Aug. 18.—Mays out-pitched Bagby and Boston won the first game of the series, 3 to 1. Double plays stopped several Boston rallies. Mays held Cleveland to five hits. Two games will be played tomorrow.

(By Associated Press.)
 DETROIT, Aug. 18.—Washington won from Detroit, 9 to 6 by a ninth-inning rally in which they scored four runs. Washington used four

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(By Associated Press.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Although weighing only 96 pounds and standing 4 feet 11 inches high, Mrs. Ada Schilling, of Portland, is the foremost woman trapshooter of the country and stands 113th in the rating of \$400 men and women shooters of the United States who broke 2000 targets apiece according to the interstate records.

At the San Diego shoot held this year Mrs. Schilling broke 1329 birds out of 1540 for an average of .903. Two hundred of these targets were outlaws, that is, thrown in various directions.

To give an idea of what this amount of shooting means to a person of Mrs. Schilling's size, the following figures have been compiled:

The recoil of a shotgun is 18 1/2 foot pounds. An army rifle kicks 14.95 foot pounds. On the last day of the Indian shoot Mrs. Schilling shot at 250 birds, the aggregate recoil being 7125 pounds, or more than 3 1/2 tons. During the Indian shoot the little expert broke 281 out of 300 targets, or more than .94 per cent, the highest mark made this season.

Up to the present time Mrs. Schilling has won 12 silver cups and four gold medals, all but two of which were won in open competition, the two being emblematic of the women's championship of California and the Pacific coast.

Last season Mrs. Schilling had a mark of 87.08 per cent for the year and this placed her highest among the women shooters of the country.

The season of 1917 has brought her out with a mark of above 90

per cent, which not only keeps her at the head of the women shooters but places her up in front with the best men shots.
 Mrs. Schilling shoots the regulation trap load, 3 drms, 1 1/4 ozs., and has fired as many as 325 shots in one day, shooting the regular cents of 200 birds and the rest were necessary to win a medal.

Forty-two of the fifty-five men who started in the race across the Golden Gate recently crossed the finishing line. The seventeenth man to finish was C. Roper, a legless swimmer. Roper naturally has to propel himself entirely with his arms and he uses a stroke remarkable for its power. Those who watched him wondered what he could accomplish were he equipped with legs.

The enforced retirement of Johnny Bassler of the Los Angeles club of the Pacific coast league, due to poor health, has terminated one of the most interesting batting races ever staged in the organization. Ever since the start of play in one day, shooting the regular cents of 200 birds and the rest were necessary to win a medal.

Any lapse on the part of Bassler would have meant being ousted from the lead. A no less interesting race has developed as a result of Bassler's retirement. While Fitzgerald now is virtually the leading batsman with a percentage of .337, Rath of Salt Lake is only one point below him according to the latest unofficial averages. Tobin, of Salt Lake, in third place, is only ten points behind Rath.

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